Why we are failing and how we can fix this

MOBILE DEVICES

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The graphic artists have been busy.

But does popular opinion make it real?

Who is using them?

	Population	Cell Phones
World	7.0 billion	> 6.8 billion
China	1.35 billion	1.28 billion
India	1.22 billion	1.10 billion
US	318 million	328 million
Russia	143 million	256 million
Brazil	201 million	274 million
Indonesia	238 million	237 million
Pakistan	181 million	132 million

In the United States

	Dec 2010	Dec 2011	Dec 2012
Wireless only households	26.6%	34%	35.8%
Annual minutes of use	2,200,000,000,000	2,296,000,000,000	2,300,000,000,000
Monthly text messages	175,000,000,000	193,100,000,000	171,300,000,000
Annual text messages	2,100,000,000,000	2,300,000,000,000	2,190,000,000,000
Annual MMS messages	56,600,000,000	58,300,000,000	-
Wireless data	-	866,700,000,000 MB	1,468,000,000,000 MB
911 calls from cell phones	> 296,000 per day	> 396,000 per day	> 400,000 per day
Cell sites	253,086	283,385	301,779

Top four states for adults and children living in wireless-only households are: Idaho (44.6%); Arkansas (44.4%); Mississippi (42.3%); North Dakota (41.6%).

Prepaid/Pay-As-You-Go services' share of overall wireless market (penetration) is 23.4%, equal to more than 76.4 million wireless prepaid/pay-as-you-go subscribers as of December 2012.

There are 630+ different handsets and devices manufactured for the U.S. market.

http://www.ctia.org/advocacy/research/index.cfm/AID/10378

Android Activation Rate

1,500,000 per day
as of 16 APR 13.

But what about user behavior?

28% of all mobile phone owners used mobile banking in the past 12 months, up from 21% over previous year

Consumers and Mobile Financial Services 2013

March 2013

48% of smartphone owners have used mobile banking in the past 12 months, up from 42% over previous year

Top two banking activities from mobile phones:
1. Checking balances (87%)
2. Transferring funds (53%)

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No Passwords, PINs For Most Smartphone And Tablet Users

Most smartphones, tablets are personal devices being

50+% don't lock devices (Passwords/PINs)

By Kelly Jackson Higgins
Dark Reading

Fat-fingering a password or PIN is an all-too-frequent frustration to mobile users today, and more than half of smartphone and tablet users say they don't bother with authentication or

In a new survey published today image-based authentication, som don't lock down their devices say those hand-held devices. And close to 90 percent of those surveyed say their mobile devices are their own and aren't company-issued equipment, while 65 percent of them say they use them for accessing work email or

44% of those who don't lock devices: Passwords are "too cumbersome."

blets are quickly becoming the ccessing work email, to social ing," said Curtis Staker, CEO of ople's lax security habits have made r hackers, malware and fraud. The d passw at peopl security for convenience, leaving themselves businesses at risk of data theft and fraud."

**Of those without passwords:
~90% use personal devices
65% access work e-mail or company network.**

Confident's survey also found that many users of the security risks of having these unprotect 30 percent of those who don't password-protec aren't concerned about the security risk, and 9 on their smartphones or tablets; 50 percent of financial or stock trading apps on; 77 percent, Facebook or LinkedIn; and 35 percent, online accounts.

**Of those without passwords:
97% - e-mail
50% - online banking
77% - social networking
35% - online shopping**

"Many people fail to recognize that smartphones bring great risks for exposure of personal information," said Joanna Crane, executive advisor to

What's Lurking on Your Phone?

2004 ◄ Researchers find **first case** of mobile malware

2010 ◄ Mobile malware **increased by 250%** over the year
◄ First **bank-phishing** mobile application identified on official app market

2011 - 2012 ◄ Researchers predict **increasingly sophisticated attacks** on mobile devices
◄ **Botnet-enabled malware** hits Android devices by exploiting OS vulnerabilities in **2011**
◄ Some experts expect the amount of mobile malware to **double** over the year

ANDROID

It's the fastest-growing mobile operating system, with more than 500,000 Android phones activated daily.

More than **80** infected apps had been removed from the official Android Market by June **2011**.

Fake versions of popular games and apps were infected with malicious code.

Several spoofed applications were botnet-enabled, allowing an attacker to remotely control the infected phone.

ANDROID MALWARE HAS AFFECTED UP TO 250,000 USERS !

Targeted In The 2010 **BY ZEUS BANK INFO ATTACKS.** !

BLACKBERRY

These suffer predominantly from spyware applications.

SYMBIAN & MICROSOFT WINDOWS MOBILE

Devices running these operating systems have been targets of the MOST PROLIFIC AND EFFECTIVE malware known to affect mobile devices.
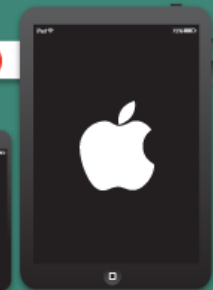
! **WINDOWS MOBILE** AND **SYMBIAN ARE THE TWO OLDEST AND MOST** RESEARCHED MOBILE PLATFORMS.

iOS (iPhone & iPad)

Many legit iPhone and iPad apps leak personal data to third parties.

10% of iPhone users use **0000** or **1234** as their **password,** making it easy to hack the device.

...ues usually leave ...andard root ...grant device ...o an attacker.

! IN 2011, A HACKER PLEADS GUILTY TO STEALING DATA FROM MORE THAN **100,000 iPad USERS.**

HOW THEY GET YOU

! **PHISHING** ✕
A **fake version of a real site** gathers your log-in and other private information.

! **APP STORES** ✕

! **SPYWARE** ✕
Silently collects information from users and sends it to eavesdroppers.

! **EXPLOITING** ✕
Some malware will **exploit mobile platform**

10% of iPhone users use 0000 or 1234 as their password.

But that was 2011 (ages ago).

Surely we've gotten better, right?

As of 2013:

~**50%** of users do not use passwords
to secure their mobile devices

Sources: Consumer Reports, Symantec

Most smartphone, tablet owners not concerned with locking devices: report

By Rachel King | March 2, 2012, 2:30am PST

Summary: *Only 25 percent of smartphone owners use the auto-lock feature to protect their mobile devices, according to a new report.*

As the 2012 RSA Conference draws to a close on Friday, one of the most-talked about themes at the security expo was protecting mobile devices.

Unfortunately, it doesn't look like most people have thought about it too much, whether it be for their personal or business gadgets. That can't be reassuring for skeptics of the bring-your-own-device movement.

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<10% of those who use own tablets for work use auto-lock

~25% of smartphone owners use auto-lock

~33% of laptop owners user auto-lock

<50% of laptop owners use auto-locking with password

Mobile malware, "whaling" top challenges of 2011, says IBM report

Greg Masters September 30, 2011

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An unprecedented number of successful attacks on corporate networks in the first half of the year illustrates that "basic network security is not just a technical problem, but rather a complex business challenge," according to the "IBM X-Force 2011 Mid-year Trend and Risk Report," released on Thursday

To address these new challenges, the report said, enterprises need to shape their risk exposure, communication, end-user education and technology in a delicate balance.

One of the newest vectors of attack – the so-called "bring you[r] device" approach – has sprung up from the burgeoning market [of] smartphones and tablets and their adaption into the enterprise, the report said. Security issues seen on the mobile platform a[re] the market – with double the number of mobile exploit release[s] seen in 2010.

Third-party app markets, a Wild West of often unregulated off[ers] created to attack mobile phones. On top of the heap of malici[ous] messaging services, which dupe consumers into sending text[s] services also could also lead to data being siphoned from use[rs]

Infected mobile applications can also come from peer-to-peer venues have been used for years by consumers downloading and are now serving up knock-off versions of commercial And[roid] third-party apps come loaded with malware.

"It is not just a hypothetical risk anymore," Tom Cross, mana[ger] Force, told SCMagazineUS.com on Friday.

Critical vulnerabilities are also causing major concern. In the first half of 2011, such flaws allowed three times as many high-profile attacks as the previous year, causing IBM to call 2011 the "Year of the Security Breach."

MORE NEWS

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- Most businesses lack social [media security controls]

"Bring Your Own Device"

Problems with enterprises managing multiple devices with multiple OSs.

Can't just say, "no" to the users.

Is the enterprise prepared to handle these types of connections?

Do you think enterprises are ready
for the onslaught of mobile devices?

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The rising tide of portable device risks

Posted on 01 November 2011.

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Responding to research claiming to show that almost a third of executives have rogue mobile devices linked to their organisation's network, Cryptzone says that this a symptom of the falling cost of technology and the increasing use of personal portable devices in the workplace.

According to Grant Taylor, VP of Cryptzone, with the Deloitte research also showing that 87 per cent of respondents thinking that their organisation is at risk of an attack due to a lapse in mobile security, it is clear that the consumerisation of IT – and portable devices in particular – now poses a potentially major security problem for most IT security professionals.

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...able that the lines between personal ...sage is blurring – with employees ... personal usage - the reverse of ... business purposes is something ...d," he said.

...w mobile devices to connect to ... Intranet or office email systems ...controls being imposed – often ...ble...

...basis.

This is despite the fact that far mo... controls are imposed on laptops, e... of the latest dual-core portable dev... inch netbooks that were all the rag...
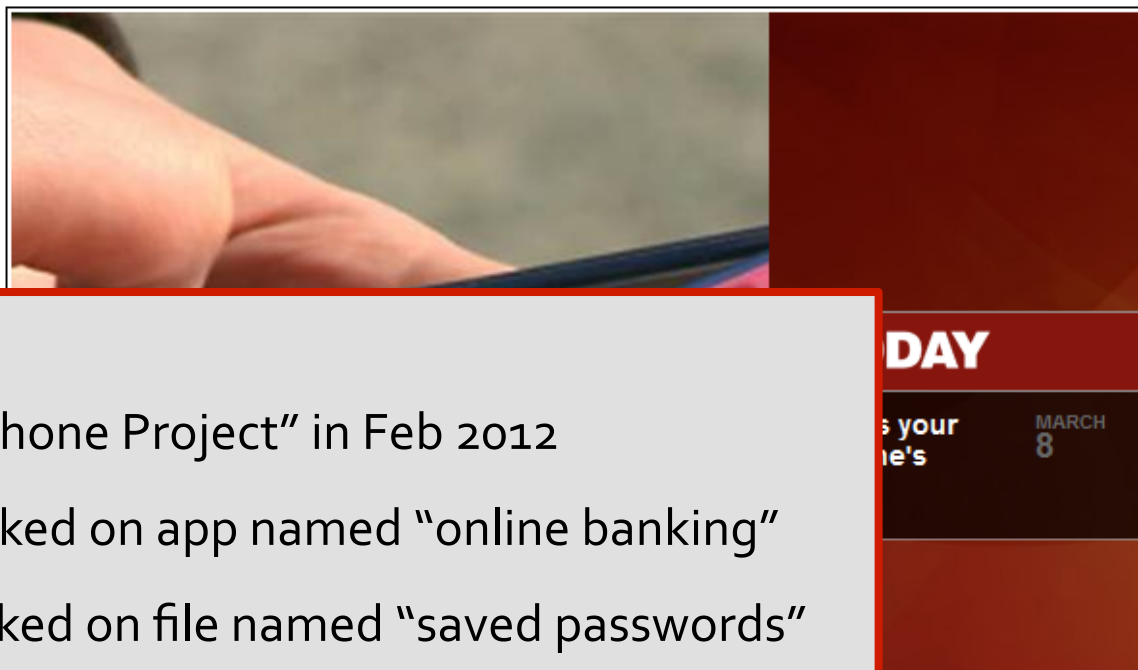
The results of this Deloitte survey... 1,200 people - show that it is time... mobile devices in the same cautio... laptops.

In fact, even if this means there is... for mobile device users to negotiat... proportionate to the level of risk in... conscious IT professional should i... matter of course.

87% of survey respondents think their organizations are at risk to due to a lapse in mobile security.

Almost one-third of executives have rogue mobile devices linked to their org's networks.

EXCLUSIVE: The 'lost' cell phone project, and the dark things it says about us

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"Lost Cell Phone Project" in Feb 2012

- 43% clicked on app named "online banking"

- 57% clicked on file named "saved passwords"

- 60% opened e-mail or
  social networking tools

- 72% clicked on "private photos"

- 89% clicked on something they shouldn't have.

- Only 50% attempted to return the phone.

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even private banking
e phone.

st-of-its-kind study on
lost smartphones and shared the results exclusively with TODAY and msnbc.com. The company set a

So what are the odds of losing a phone?

Is there a fix?

RIM Exec on Mobile Malware, Future of BlackBerry Security

By Al Sacco, CIO

Interview with Scott Totzke, VP Security, Research in Motion

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RIM Launches BlackBerry Mobile Conferencing

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RIM **BlackBerry**

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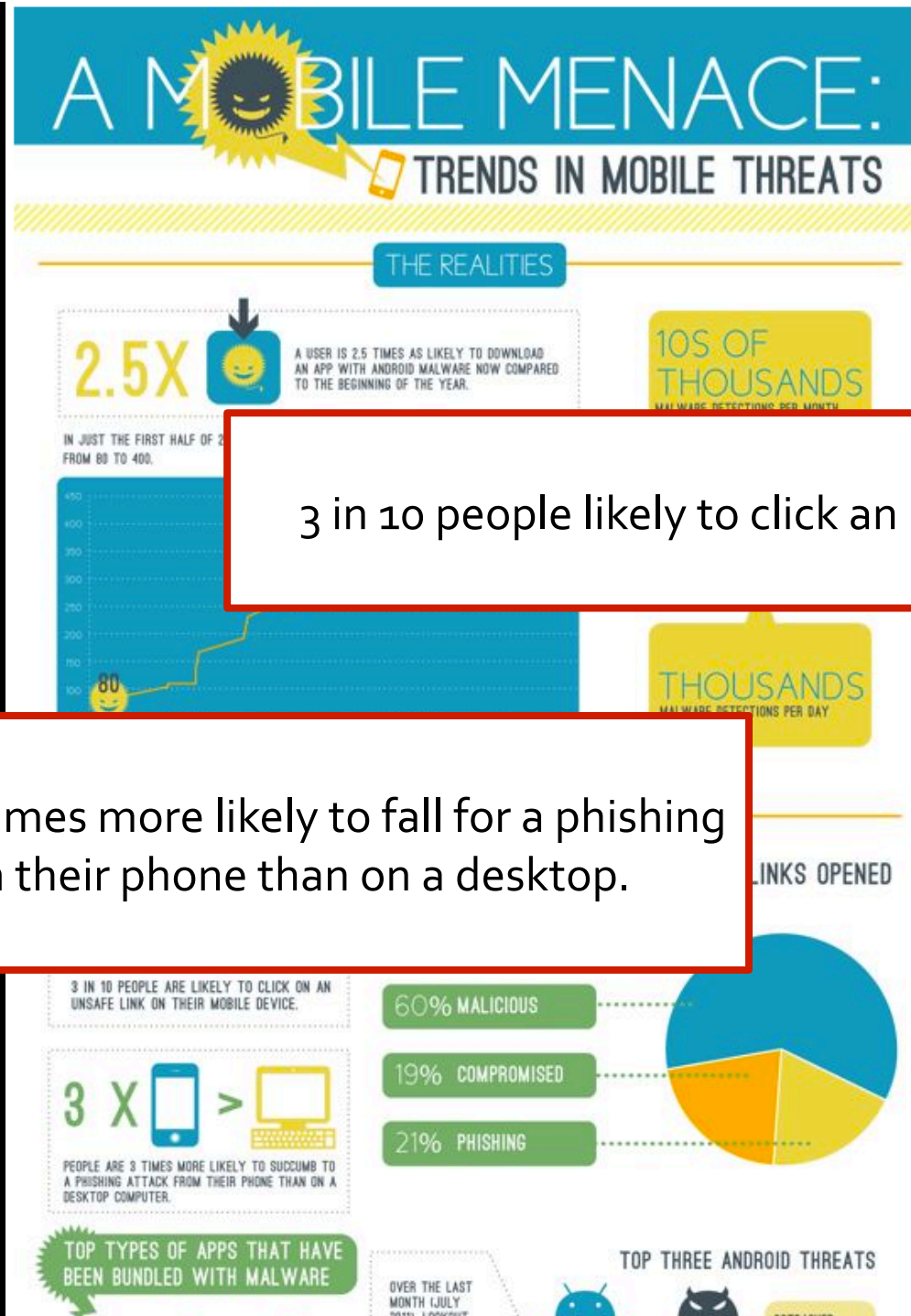and the future of BlackBerry smartphones.

He may be on to something:

2012: 44% of adults were not aware of security software for mobile devices.

2013: 57% were unaware.

Source: Symantec Internet Threat Security Report 2014

A MOBILE MENACE:
TRENDS IN MOBILE THREATS

THE REALITIES

2.5X A USER IS 2.5 TIMES AS LIKELY TO DOWNLOAD AN APP WITH ANDROID MALWARE NOW COMPARED TO THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

10S OF THOUSANDS
MALWARE DETECTIONS PER MONTH

IN JUST THE FIRST HALF OF 2... FROM 80 TO 400.

80

THOUSANDS
MALWARE DETECTIONS PER DAY

3 in 10 people likely to click an unsafe link.

People are 3 times more likely to fall for a phishing attack on their phone than on a desktop.

LINKS OPENED

3 IN 10 PEOPLE ARE LIKELY TO CLICK ON AN UNSAFE LINK ON THEIR MOBILE DEVICE.

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PEOPLE ARE 3 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO SUCCUMB TO A PHISHING ATTACK FROM THEIR PHONE THAN ON A DESKTOP COMPUTER.

60% MALICIOUS

19% COMPROMISED

21% PHISHING

TOP TYPES OF APPS THAT HAVE BEEN BUNDLED WITH MALWARE

OVER THE LAST MONTH (JULY 2011) LOOKOUT

TOP THREE ANDROID THREATS

WHAT DO YOU USE YOUR MOBILE PHONE FOR?

NEARLY
7 IN 10
U.S. ADULTS ACCESS THE WEB VIA THEIR MOBILE PHONES.

1 IN 2
U.S. ADULTS CHECK PERSONAL EMAIL ON MOBILE PHONES.
26% ONCE PER WEEK OR LESS
11% 2-6 TIMES PER WEEK
32% 1-3 TIMES DAILY
31% 4+ TIMES DAILY

89% USE THEIR SMARTPHONE THROUGHOUT THE DAY

65% CHECK AND SEND EMAIL MESSAGES

82% USE A SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITE

A RECENT STUDY BY FORRESTER PREDICTS THAT ONE IN FIVE U.S. ADULTS WILL DO SOME FORM OF BANKING TRANSACTION OVER THEIR MOBILE PHONES BY 2015, UP FROM THE 12% WHO CURRENTLY PERFORM SOME OF THEIR BANKING OVER MOBILE HANDSETS.

MORE THAN 6 IN 10 U.S. ADULTS (65%) CHECK SOCIAL NETWORKS ON THEIR MOBILE PHONES.

> 65% of adults check social networks

IS YOUR MOBILE PHONE SAFE?

MOBILE DEVICES ARE THE FIRST SYSTEMS TO RECEIVE FRAUDULENT EMAIL MESSAGES.

CLICK HERE NOW!!!

MOST FRAUDULENT EMAILS CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION, SO MOBILE USERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE HIT BY PHISHING ATTACKS.

THE FIRST FEW HOURS ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT, BECAUSE AFTER THAT, THE SITES ARE TAKEN DOWN OR CAUGHT BY FILTERS. MOBILE USERS ARE USUALLY THE FIRST TO THE SCENE.

DID YOU KNOW...
THAT PAYMENT SERVICES ACCOUNT FOR
NEARLY 38%

Websense 2010 Threat Report

SOCIAL NETWORKING: THE BIG PICTURE, THE BIG RISKS

Social networking presents great opportunities for both forward-thinking business leaders and forward

In 2010:
40% of all Facebook status updates have links.
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Likejacking

Using fake "Like" buttons, attackers trick users into clicking website buttons that install malware and may post updates on a user's newsfeed, spreading the attack.

Popular Attack Vectors

- SMS messages

- Infected applications

- Infected websites – click-thrus

- Intercepted Wi-Fi traffic

The Asian Influence

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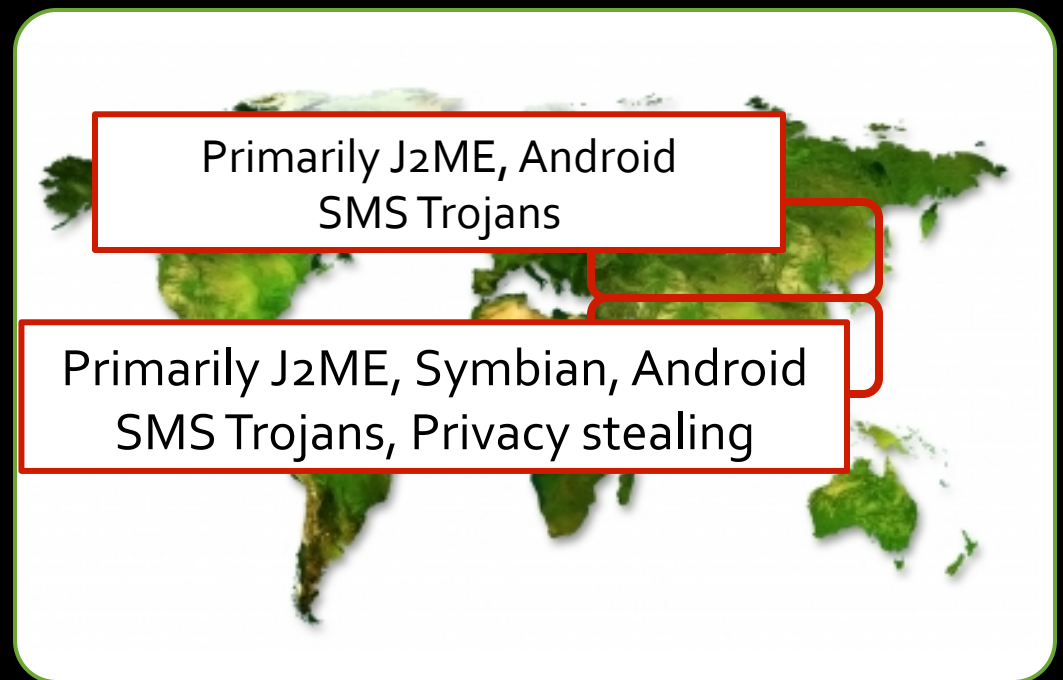
- China
- Russia

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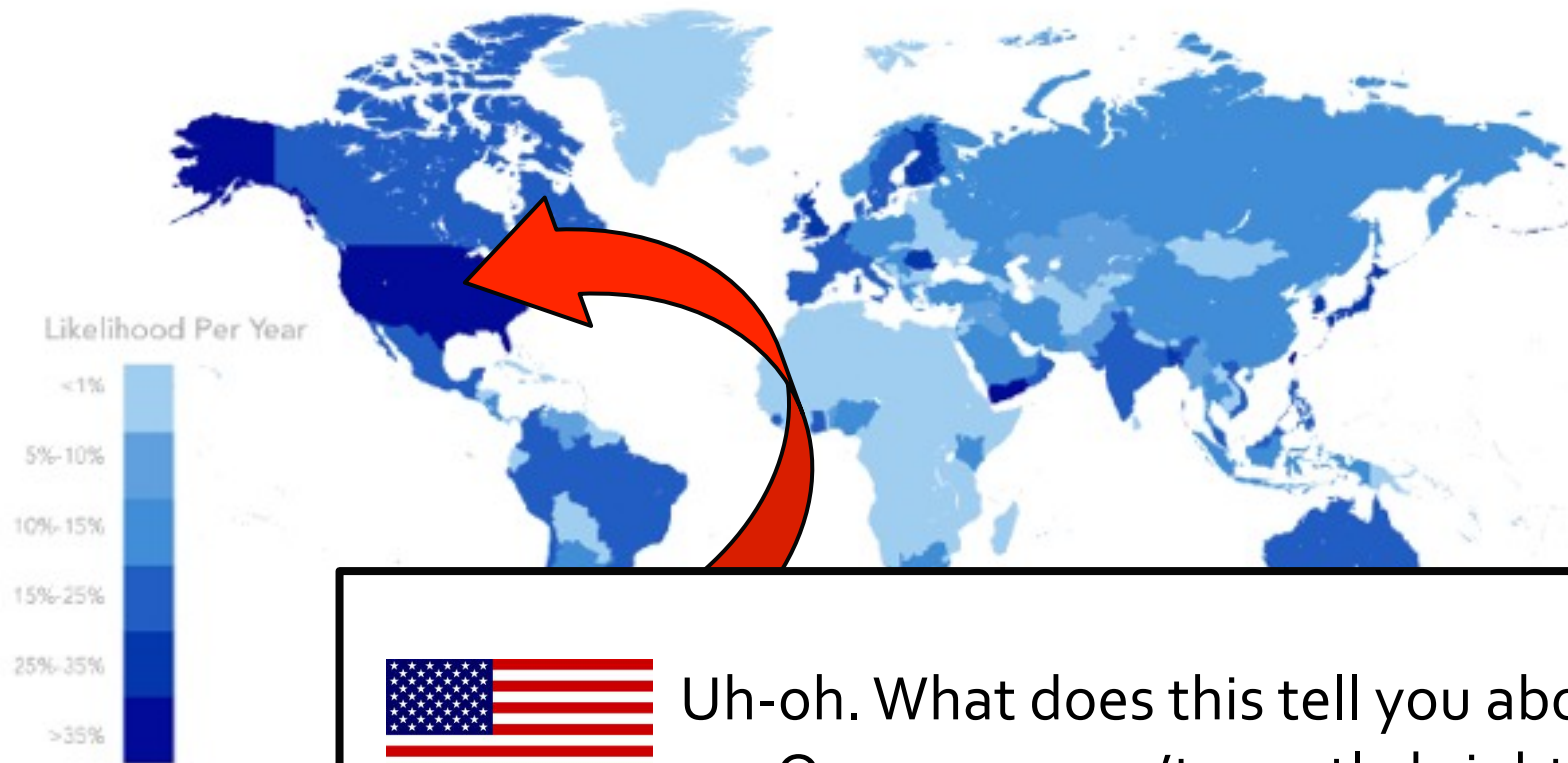
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Primarily J2ME, Android
SMS Trojans

Primarily J2ME, Symbian, Android
SMS Trojans, Privacy stealing

That was who makes it.
But who is likely to get bit?

Remember...

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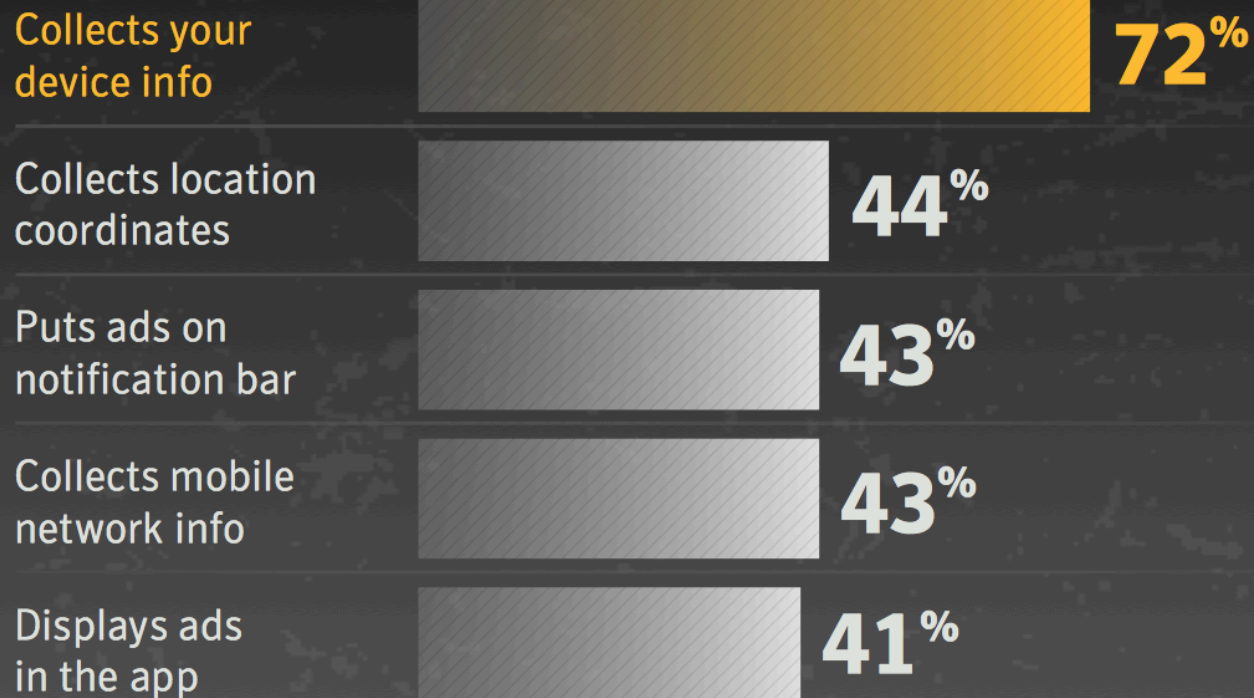
Have you seen ads like this?

Madware – Mobile Adware
How many times have you seen ads in free versions of apps?

Top-Five Types of Madware Functionality
Percentage of Ad Libraries

Source: Symantec

Collects your device info	**72**%
Collects location coordinates	**44**%
Puts ads on notification bar	**43**%
Collects mobile network info	**43**%
Displays ads in the app	**41**%

Which brings me to this:

If you scan this, where will it take you?

Quick Response (QR) Codes can contain contact information, e-mail addresses, text messages, or hyperlinks, which could point a mobile device to a website with malicious content.

Also called "Attaging" (Attack Tagging).

SMS Messages

SMiShing

Consider the source?

2009 Black Hat demo: How to send spoofed SMS messages that appeared to be from the user's mobile carrier.

Are these real?

Left screen:

Verizon — 9:25 PM

Messages — (714) 686-6732 — Edit

Call — FaceTime — Add Contact

Text Message
May 22, 2012 8:31 AM

Dear Walmart shopper, your purchase last month won a $1OOO Gift Card. Click here to claim: www.vCardSecure.com (quit2end)

Text Message — Send

Right screen:

Verizon — 9:26 PM

Messages — (201) 912-9237 — Edit

Call — FaceTime — Add Contact

Text Message
Apr 1, 2012 2:39 AM

Apple is looking for people to Test & Keep the New iPad 3! But only the 1st 1000 users that goto http://ipad3winner.info and enter code BETA will Receive it!

Text Message — Send

So how fast can you (or you kid) text?

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FTC settles with SMS marketer over spam allegations

Dan Kaplan   September 29, 2011

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The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has settled its first-ever case
against a text message spammer.

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amount of spam SMS, according to a complaint filed in February by the
FTC. Specifically, he delivered more than 5.5 million unsolicited text
messages, sold consumers' wireless numbers to third parties and
advertised his services.

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message spammer

He could not be reac

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Over the course of th
Flora delivered 85 te
according to the FTC
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The texts directed co
unaffiliated with any government entity but touted itself as a source of
"official home loan modification and audit assistance information." The site,
no longer live, requested consumers provide personal information about
their mortgages that would supposedly be used to perform a loan audit.

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Flora collected the numbers of those who responded to his unsolicited

Many of those who requested Flora stop contacting them continued to receive messages, the FTC said.

Flora also allegedly advertised his services via email, offering to transmit commercial text messages to consumers
on behalf of third parties for a fee.

According to the FTC, Flora violated the *CAN-SPAM Act*, which, among other things, prohibits not allowing
consumers to "opt-out" of receiving future communications. In addition, the compliant said, Flora violated FTC
regulations by sending unsolicited commercial text messages to consumers and misrepresenting that he was

**Since Aug 22, 2009:
85 text messages per minute per day**

**SMS messages duped respondents
into sending information to a
"debt settlement" site.**

Result: Ban on sending messages + $32K

But really...
what kind of malware could I get from a link?
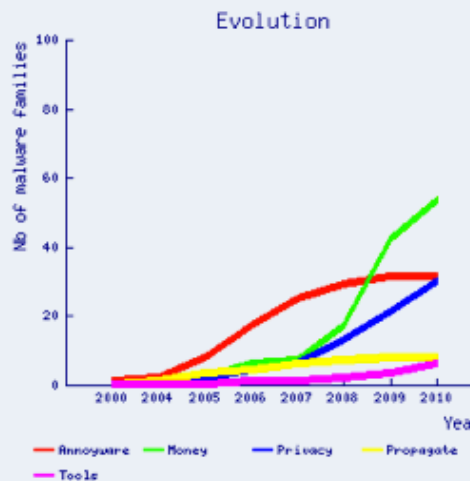
Mobile Malware Statistics

by Axelle Apvrille
March 28, 2011 at 6:28 am

We often have requests on mobile malware statistics and although statistics are only an imperfect representation of reality, this is what we can share. Those statistics only concern malware which run on mobile phones (hybrid malware which run on a PC and send SMS do not count for instance) and the results are for malware families, i.e a group of samples which are 'similar' and, yes,unfortunately, this is quite subjective. Reminder: a family is then divided in several variants. An each individual malicious package is called a sample.

» we **haven't encountered any annoyware family coded after 2009**. An anno
application that intentionally makes end-users lives difficult (reboots the phone
dummy ones, changes the fonts etc). So that it is clear: 1/ yes, we did detect n
variants but not a new **family**, 2/ we did detect new annoyware families **after 2**
we believe they were coded **before 2009** and only spread later. Finally, malwa
attribute to any specific year do not count and are omitted.
NB. The figure below shows the increment of new families registered for each
there are far more than 20 mobile malware families !

Evolution

» it looks like **most mobile malware families are implemented by Russian o**
the attribution of origin is nearly **always uncertain**. We usually attribute a giver
spot several indications leading to the same country: function names written in Russian, phone numbers with Russia's international prefix etc. If the hints are too small, we do not attribute it to any country. In all, our statistics concerned (only) 105 different malware families.Yet, even 'strong' hints can be misleading. They could intentionally be left in the malware for example. Also, note that the people who develop a malware are different from the people who intentionally spread it. I am not saying (nor implying) Russia or China is attacking us, be warned.

Origin

Families of malware:
- Money (60 families – growing in popularity)
- Annoyware (30 families)
- Privacy (30 families)
- Propagate
- Tools

Attributes/characteristics

Infection Methods by Platform
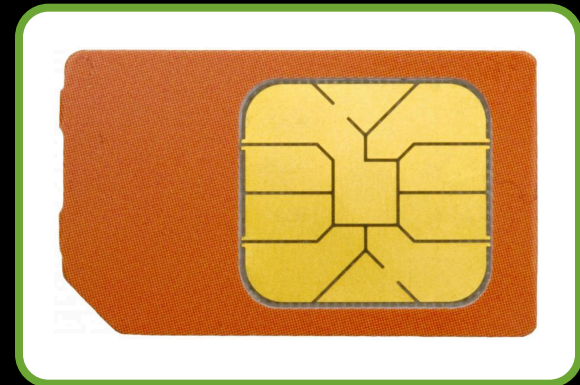
J2ME
- Chat/IM
- Games
- Adult Entertainment

Symbian
- Chat/IM

Android
- Apps/Games
- Chat/IM
- Web 2.0 sites, e.g., social networking sites
- Changing approaches

Targets

- Send SMS texts to premium services

- Steal information
  - SIM Card
  - Personal
  - Financial
  - Corporate data

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DroidDream Becomes Android Market Nightmare

By Tony Bradley, PCWorld

For many Android fans, one of the most important elements the draconian rules for the Apple App Store, and the tightly-Android is an open source platform with much more lenient freedom can also be exploited, though, to slip malicious apps into the mainstream.

Mobile malware is on the rise in general. Why not? re quickly becoming the primary y users. The landscape for re or sophisticated as it is for even aware of the security risks g them fairly easy targets in

targets, and Android's less restrictive app culture opens the door for malicious app developers. With over 50 Trojan apps identified, though, the main concern is that these apps were not on some alternative third-party app store, but the Android Market itself.

Kevin Mahaffey, CTO of L
Android malware discover
applications posted to the
we've seen in other instan
previous instances of malware in the wild that were only available in geographically targeted alternative app markets, DroidDream was available in the official Android Market, indicating a growing need for mainstream consumers to be aware of the apps they download and to actively protect their smartphones."

Dave Marcus, director of security research and communications from McAfee Labs, echoes the

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50+ apps
removed by Google.

DroidDream:
- Steal IMEI and IMSI
- Broke out of sandbox
- Capable of downloading
  additional malicious code.

DroidDream downloaded 200,000 times
before being removed.

Chinese mobile malware powers click-fraud scam

Android Trojan turns smartphones into bots

By **John Leyden** • **Get more from this author**

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Malware writers are trying to infect Chinese users of Android smartphones with a Trojan that poses as a wallpaper for the smartphone's screen or other legitimate applications, such as the popular game RoboDefense.

The mobile malware, dubl third-party mobile app sto

If installed, the Trojan gath IMEI and IMSI numbers o compromised devices, up information to a remote se before generating counter against particular search malware specifically gene fraudulent clicks on the Ba network, according to anti AVG, which reckons the Trojan is the work of a group also producing malware targeting Symbian smartphone.

series, supplying the bells and whistles of a premium laptop.

Click here for your chance to win

The use of the malware in a click-fraud scam marks it out as more sophisticated than previous flavours of Android malware, which typically send SMS messages to premium rate numbers from compromised handsets.

The Adrd Trojan also bundles automatic updating functionality, as explained in an alert by the mobile security researchers at Lookout here. ®

Adrd (HongTouTou)
- Third-party mobile app stores in China.
- Did not affected official Android Market.
- Gathers IMEI and IMSI numbers.
- Generated counterfeit queries against particular search results (Baidu ad network).

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Zombies and Angry Birds attack: mobile phone malware

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Over 1 million smartphones infected

havoc in China. These zombies are cell phone viruses that constantly send out text messages. According to InformationWeek, hackers have hijacked over 1 million smartphones with zombie viruses and are costing Chinese citizens over $300,000 daily. The trojan hides in a fake anti-virus app that sends the phone's SIM card information to cybercrooks. Then the hackers listed contacts.

Transmit SIM card data

Users click on links to infected sites.

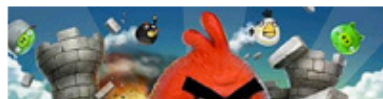...ed with links that infect other phones with ...e link. Other texts get sent to premium-rate billed $90,000 for this call was a similar attack scenario. The Chinese Nat...

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Users download apps.

zombie viruses are appearing at ...malicious apps.

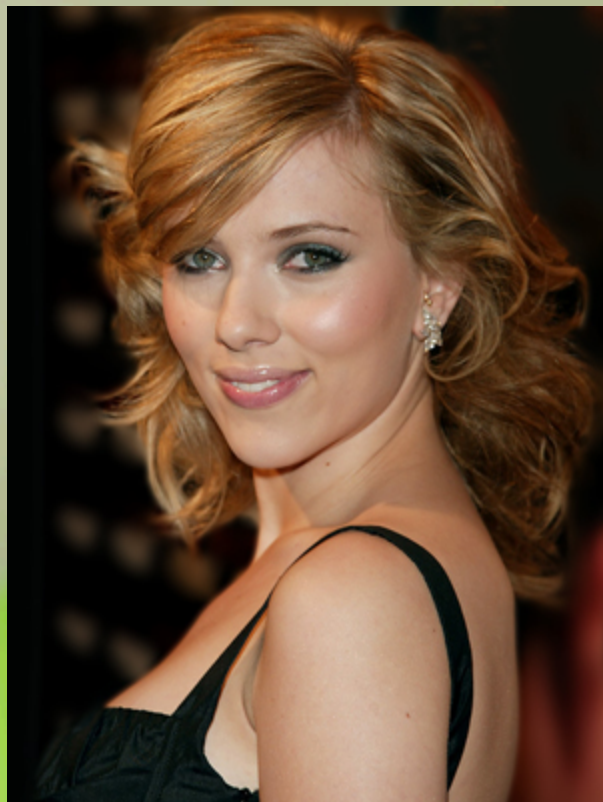**Text messages to premium services.**

new app, be careful as malicious software can " in the app download. Cybercrooks are cashing ...eting mobile phones for attack by dangling temptation in front of users. Sex and baited "sexy malware" played a part in one of the first mobile botnets aimed at the Symbian. Other smart phone infections have been less about stealing money and more about stalking and stealing information by cell phone spying.

Popular games and other tempting apps are often used to spread trojans. The Angry Birds mobile game is a all the rage right now, so

Moving beyond names and passwords.

Does Your Smartphone Need Anti-Virus Protection?

Don't worry, Scarlett isn't alone.

Some of the celebrities who have had their cell phones compromised.

- Scarlett Johansson
- Jessica Alba
- Julianne Hough
- Heather Morris
- Miley Cirus
- Mila Kunis
- British Royalty

After hearing about what happened to Scarlett Johansson it seems like everyone is talking about what they can do to keep the private data on their smartphone private. While it is important to follow best practices, it might be time, depending on which OS you rock on your smartphone, to consider adding an extra level of protection.

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Mobile Malware Threats Grow! Now They can Steal Photos From Your Phone.

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Mobile devices are being targeted by
they can use to steal money and the t
most countries. A good deal of this ye
malware tends to include stuff such a

> Hackers are disguising Troj
> tens of thousands of apps a
> Marketplace or Apple's App
> communications (NFC) chip, which is the same contactless technology used by MasterCard's Paypass
> or Visa's payWave system.

Thanks to F-Secure team we know that

> Chinese malware likes to spy, we've been keeping an eye out for various functions, such as photo
> scraping. Stealing photos from a phone could be used for harassment and blackmail. A member of
> Threat Response team in F-Secure just found something interesting in a Symbian malware sample.

And what they find is very disturbing:

> The code of Trojan:SymbOS/Spinilog.A includes a class named CMyCameraEngine which inherits and
> implements the Symbian class MCameraObserver. This enables the trojan to receive control when an
> image has been captured with the camera. Spinilog.A then encodes the raw bitmap to a JPG, which it
> saves to the phone's memory. This feature seems to still be unused and possibly incomplete as the

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Photoscraping for harassment and blackmail.

Proof of concept Android malware creates 3D maps of your home

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by Paul Roberts on October 2, 2012 | Comments (15)
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Researchers say that they have created a malicious Android application that uses the phone's embedded camera and other spatial sensors to create 3D visual maps of the owner's home and other spaces.

The proof of concept malware, dubbed PlaceRaider, was designed by researchers working for the U.S. Navy and the University of Indiana.

Running on Android mobile devices, it was designed to call attention to the ways that rapidly evolving mobile platforms might enable new forms of virtual theft.
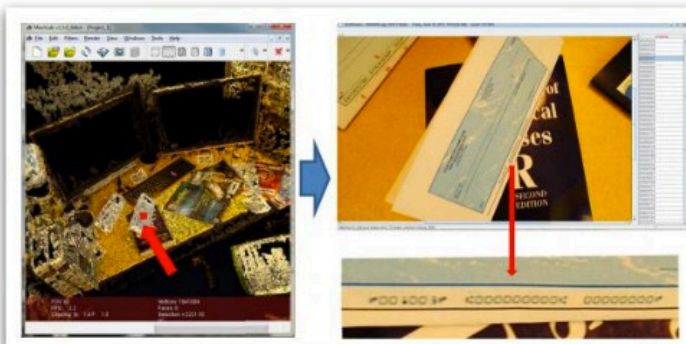
Writing in a paper (pdf) published Thursday, the researchers said more powerful phones have created an opening for what they dub "sensory malware" that leverages the growing number of on-boar sensors in the latest model mobile phones like the iPhone 5 and Android devices.

To prove their point, the researchers created PlaceRaider to demonstrate how remote hackers could construct "rich three-dimensional (3D) models the smartphone's owner's personal indoor spaces".

The malware uses a phone's embedded sensors such as its GPS and accelerometer to determine when the victim was moving within the space. The onboard camera was then used to opportunistically snap shots of interior spaces and transfer them to a remote server which then assembles them to form a 3D model of the space.

Malware can "stitch together" pictures to form a map of the surroundings.

Jan 20, 2011 9:30 am

Soundminer Android Malware Listens, Then Steals, Phone Data

By Jeremy Kirk, IDG News

Researchers have developed a low-profile Trojan horse program for Google's Android mobile OS that steals data in a way that is unlikely to be detected by either a user or antivirus software.

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The malware, called Soundminer, monitors phone calls and records when a person, for example, says their credit card number or enters one on the phone's keypad, according to the study.

Using various analysis techniques, Soundminer trims the ... most ...elf, and sends ...ttacker over

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Soundminer
 - Monitors phone calls (voice and keypad)
 - Sends credit card data over the network
 - Paired app with another Trojan

Soundminer is designed to ask for as few permissions as possible to avoid suspicion. For example, Soundminer may be allowed access to the phone's microphone, but further access to transmit data, intercept outgoing phone calls and access contact lists might look suspicious.

So in another version of the attack, the researchers paired Soundminer with a separate Trojan, called Deliverer, which is responsible for sending the information collected by Soundminer.

Since Android could prevent that communication between applications, the researchers investigated a stealthy way for Soundminer to communicate with Deliverer. They found what they term are several "covert channels," where changes in a feature are communicated with other interested applications, such as vibration settings.
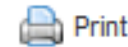
Soundminer could code its sensitive data in a form that looks like a vibration setting but is actually the sensitive data, where Deliverer could decode it and then send it to a remote server. That covert vibration settings channel only has 87 bits of bandwidth, but that is

And then there are botnets.

Researchers uncover first mobile phone botnet

by Phil Muncaster

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Newly discovered Symbian-based malware could be modified to harvest data from a mobile phone

Security experts have discovered what they believe to be the first botnet for mobile devices, heralding a dramatic change in the nature of mobile threats.

Researchers at anti-malware firm Trend Micro said in a blog post that the Symbian-based malware, labelled SYMBOS_YXES.B, could be downloaded from malicious mobile sites by unsuspecting users.

A Symbian Information Source file collects phone and subscriber ID and network information on affected devices, and connects to a web site in order to send the information on.

"In addition, it can also send spammed SMS to the user's contacts acquired from the web site it connected to earlier," wrote Jonathan Leopando of the Trend Micro technical communications team. "In short, it appears to be a botnet for mobile

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The first mobile phone botnet appeared in 2009.

OS: Symbian

Improved SpyEye variant actively attacking Android devices

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The first SpyEye variant, called SPITMO, has been spotted attacking Android devices in the wild.

According to Amit Klein, Trusteer's chief technology officer, the threat posed by DriodOS/Spitmo has escalated the danger of SpyEye now that this malicious software has been able to shift its delivery and infection

[...] f time before the true [...] s Klein. "When it first [...] ted in its blog that it was [...] njected fields into a bank's [...] his mobile phone number [...] er then needed to follow a [...] et the IMEI number; generate a certificate; then release an updated installer. This process could take up to three days."

"We couldn't believe fraudsters would go to that much effort just to steal a couple of SMSs - and it ap [...] "Information gathered by Trusteer's [...] discovered a new far more intuitive [...] SPITMO for Android now active in t [...]

Looking at the attack vector in acti [...] browses to the targeted bank a me [...] 'new' mandatory security measure, [...] use its online banking service. The [...] Android application that protects th [...] being intercepted and will protect t [...] for irony!"

Once the user clicks on "set the a [...] instructions to walk him though downloading and installing the application.

To complete the installation, the user is instructed to dial the number "325000"; the call is intercepted by the Android malware and an alleged activation code is presented, to be submitted later into the "bank's site". Besides concealing the true nature of the application, this "activation code" does not serve any legitimate purpose.

Once the Trojan has successfully installed, all incoming SMS messages are intercepted and transferred to the attacker's Command and Control server. A code snippet is run when an SMS is received, creating a string, which will later be appended as a query string to a GET HTTP request, to be sent to the attacker's

Improved SpyEye variant, SPITMO.

User browses to targeted bank and a message is injected with a "new" mandatory security measure.

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Zeus Malware Purveyors Target Symbian, BlackBerry Devices

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Cyber-crooks are targeting Symbian and BlackBerry devices in an attempt to beat multifactor authentication security schemes used by some banks.

Online bank fraudsters are now targeting mobile devices in an attempt to bypass two-factor authentication practices popular among banks in Europe.

According to Fortinet, cyber-crooks are using mobile spyware in conjunction with the Zeus Trojan to hijack users' bank accounts. For detection purposes, Fortinet has dubbed the spyware Zitmo.

Going mobile is a necessary next step for attackers once they have infected a user's PC with Zeus and stolen credentials, explained Derek Manky, project manager for cyber-security and threat research at Fortinet.

"First they have to get the user's banking credentials, but they can't simply just log on to a bank and steal their funds because they need to get around the second-stage authentication, which is this transaction number that is sent to the phone," Manky said.

With a little phishing and social engineering, attackers could get their hands on the user's phone number, he said.

[...] s [and] steal information [in] real [...] he said, adding that attackers can [...] ering flavor in there, say, 'We need [...] authentication.'

[...], then they can send an SMS [Short Message Service] message to the user's handset with the link to their malware," he said.

Once Zitmo is installed, any SMS message that gets sent to the phone can be captured by the attacker. The variant Fortinet analyzed was a light, possibly cracked version of an application called SMS Monitor, and was targeted at Symbian

> **ZeuS targets:**
> **Symbian, BlackBerries**

> **ZitMo attempts to capture SMS message.**

International Cybercrime Ring Targets Android

By Sara Yin | July 14, 2011 05:17pm EST | 2 Comments | Email | Print

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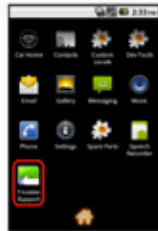
The international cybercrime ring known as ZeuS or ZBOT has created a variant of its bank information-stealing malware for Android mobile operating systems.

When downloaded, either through a fake survey (see pic below) or the Android Market, the malware disguises itself as a piece of banking security software from Trusteer, called Rapport. After a user installs the malware, an icon for "Trusteer Rapport" shows up on their homescreen (left).

The Trojan then embeds itself into Android devices, "listens" in on all incoming text messages, and forwards them to a remote server using HTTP POST requests, Sophos Security explained in a blog post. It picks up mTANs (mobile transaction authentication numbers), which are one-time passwords sent through SMS by banks to verify account logins, and uses the passwords to break into bank accounts.

The Zeus toolkit has been around for a couple years, starting with PC viruses that stole banking information by keystroke logging, but ZeuS-in-the-Mobile (ZitMo) variants began appearing in September 2010. Android is the fourth version of ZitMo; in the past the crime ring has created the Trojan for

ZitMo also targets Android users by means of a survey.

...ndroid version is far more primitive than ...n specific phone numbers.

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The ZeuS and SpyEye mobile bots have been updated!

Android banking Trojan steals both authenticating factors

Posted on 16.03.2012

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The Zeus and SpyEye banking Trojans have recently been fitted with a new module that targets Android users that use their device as an added authentication method when accessing their bank accounts online.

But in order to effect a successful attack against the user, both his PC and Android device have to be compromised with malware, so malware authors have decided to cut the effort in two and make a fake app that will get both authentication factors in one fell swoop.

"The malicious application targets specific well-known financial entities posing as a Token Generator application. In fact, when the application is installed, the malware uses the logo and colors of the bank in the icon of the application, making it appear more credible to the user," warns McAfee researcher Carlos Castillo.

Once the app is executed, it displays an HTML/JavaScript web page that poses as the token generator (the look depends on the targeted bank):

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6 Mobile Malware Trends For 2012

By **Dan Rowinski** / December 13, 2011 9:00 PM / **33 Comments**

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There have been over 1,000 instances of Android malware found this year and the rate of growth has nearly doubled since July. Smartphones are increasingly becoming targets for malicious hackers because they are filled with rich data, t... typically have less securi... was the Year Of Mobile M...

Mobile security firm Look... mobile malware in 2012. Some are rooted (no pun i... latter half of 2011 while others are new and potentia... a stream of spam, viruses and malware.

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> Over ten botnet families have been ported by 2011.

Spyware – Malware and Commercial

If it is available commercially, then it exists as malware.

BlackBerry Spyware

Monitor, Trace and Track BlackBerry Smartphones

BlackBerry Spyware Spyphone Software

BlackBerry Spy technology delivers find out the specifics as to what people are saying on their **Android** as well as who they really are talking to. **Trace BlackBerry Phone Calls**, **Track BlackBerry Location**; and determine what is in **SMS texts** and **email**; find out **internet activity**; and a whole lot more. With **BlackBerry Mobile Phone Spy Software** programs you may even **cell phone tap** to **listen to smartphone calls** and **spy call** transform the smartphone right into a covert **bug device**. The BlackBerry operating system is particularly popular with mobile device software developers and normally **BlackBerry Spy** applications are packed with features unavailable with other systems; making **BlackBerry Spy** software powerful as solutions to **Parental Monitoring**, **Workforce Monitoring** and uncovering **Cheating**.

Go to Phone Monitoring Websites

Compare Phone Monitoring Software

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Monitoring and Tracking applications is designed for most type of BlackBerrys but there are a few limitations — if you're looking to capture a history of Website Visits or Check MMS multi-media messages (images, ...BlackBerry will not support keeping track ... SMS Texting & E-mail, Call Event ...ch more.

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If it is available commercially, then it exists as malware.

Total Defense's Report
(Released in March 2012)

Most notorious malware

- AndroidOS/Foncy
  SMS Trojan

- AndroidOS/Dogowar
  SMS Trojan

- AndroidOS/Fakeneflic.A
  Trojan-InfoStealer

- AndroidOS/WalkSteal.A
  SMS-Trojan

- AndroidOS/FakePlayer.A
  SMS-Trojan

- AndroidOS/Golddream.A
  Trojan-Monitor/Stealer

Most notorious Android malware

Posted on 16.03.2012

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Total Defense announced the findings of its 2011 Internet Security Threat Intelligence Report, which indicates Android's rise in market share was only surpassed by the amount of malware targeted at Android devices. In total, over 25 times more Android Malware was identified in 2011.

"This past year can be viewed as the year of Android malware with more than 9,000 escalations, clearly illustrating the exponential growth of threats targeting this platform," said Paul Lipman, CEO at Total Defense.

"The rise of Android malware opens up an interesting debate about security architectures and the merits of open versus closed systems. While users have the ability to install any code, from anywhere, the problem is that criminals see this as an advantage

"…more than 9,000 escalations…"

AndroidOS/Dogowar: a Trojan created by malware authors socially motivated to stop animal cruelty.

Android is not alone.

A malicious app on a phone infects a PC.
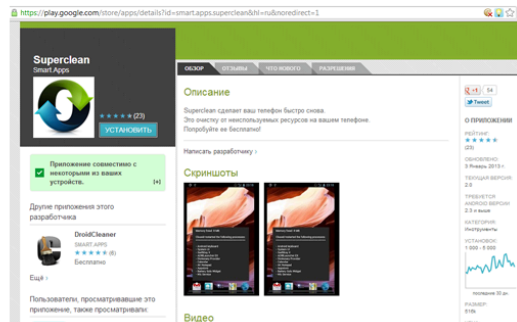

Mobile attacks!

Victor Chebyshev
Kaspersky Lab Expert
Posted February 01, 12:31 GMT
Tags: Mobile Malware, Google Android

Users of inexpensive Android smartphones typically look for ways to accelerate their devices, for example, by freeing up memory. Demand for software that makes smartphones work a little faster creates supply, some of which happens to be malicious. In addition to legitimate applications, apps that only pretend to clean up the system have appeared on Google Play.

We have come across PC malware that infects mobile devices before. However, in this case it's the other way round: an app that runs on a mobile device (a smartphone) is designed to infect PCs.

On January 22, 2013 Kaspersky Lab discovered the following application on Google Play:

The app is obviously quite popular and has a good rating:

This application has a twin brother that has an identical feature list but a different name:

DroidClean infects a PC.

http://www.securelist.com/en/blog/805/Mobile_attacks
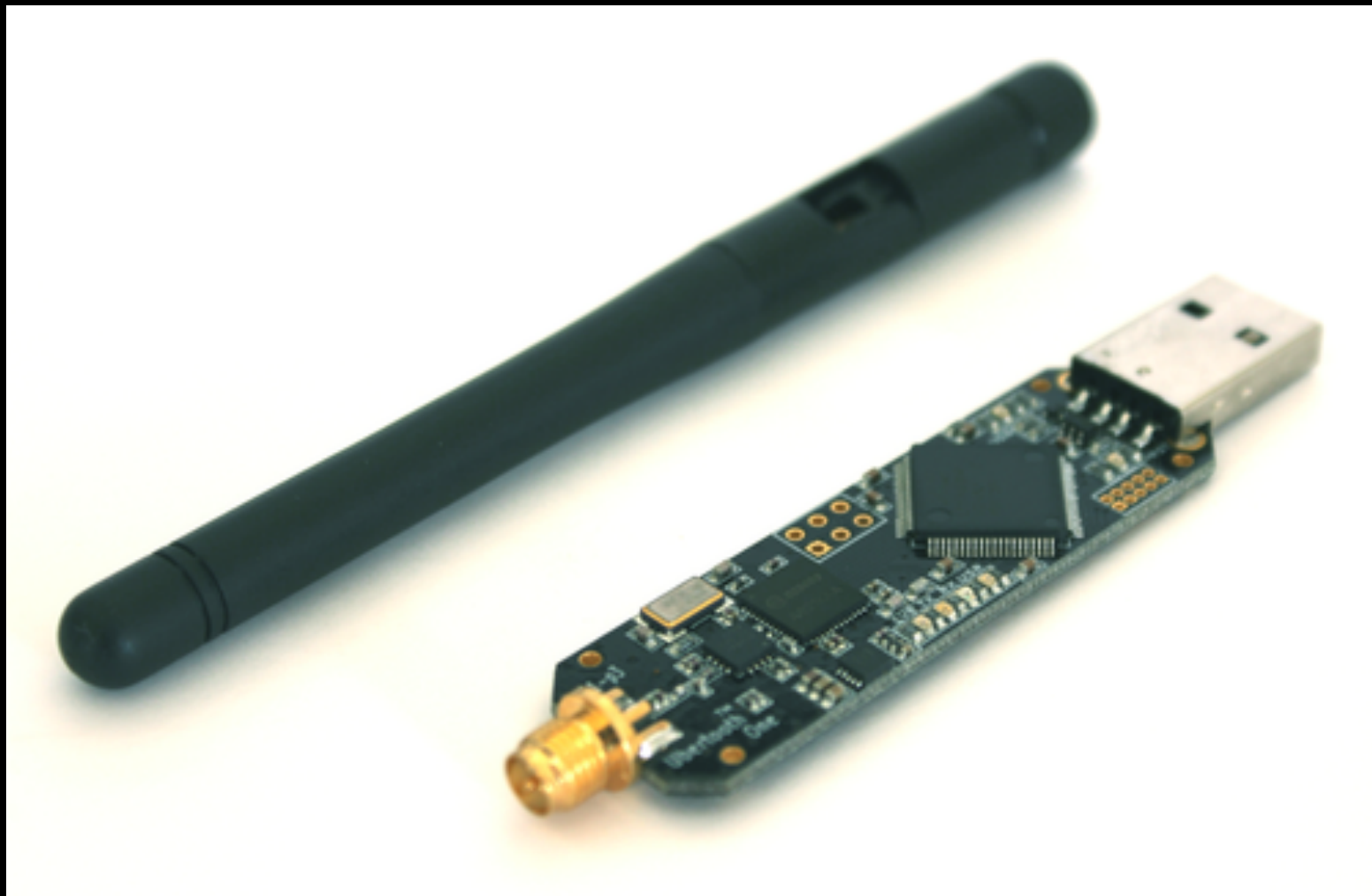
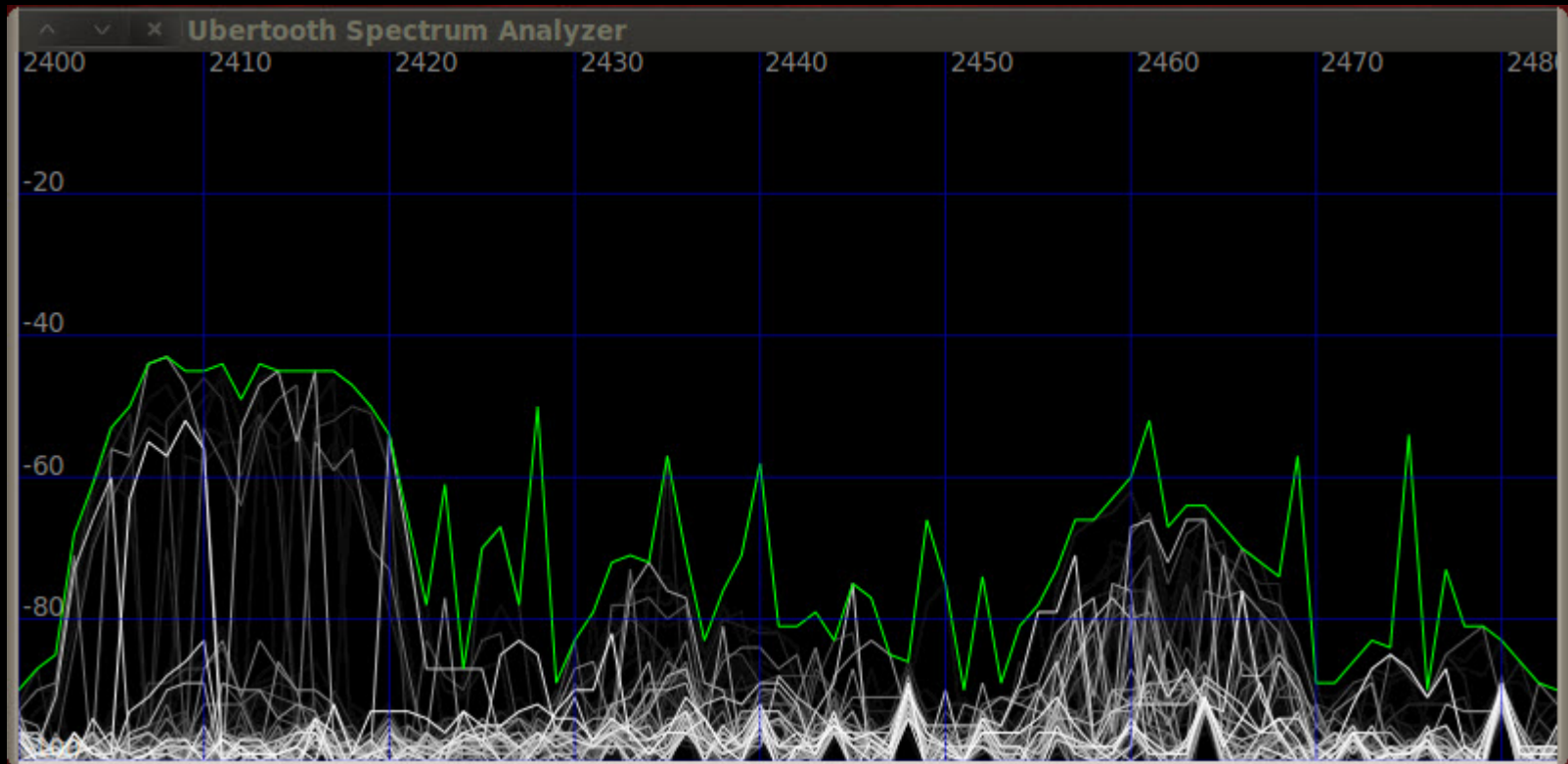Are you hands free?

Hands free?

Not that "hands free."

Let me introduce someone to you.

Meet the Ubertooth.

Scanning Bluetooth Traffic

And then there is "free" wi-fi.

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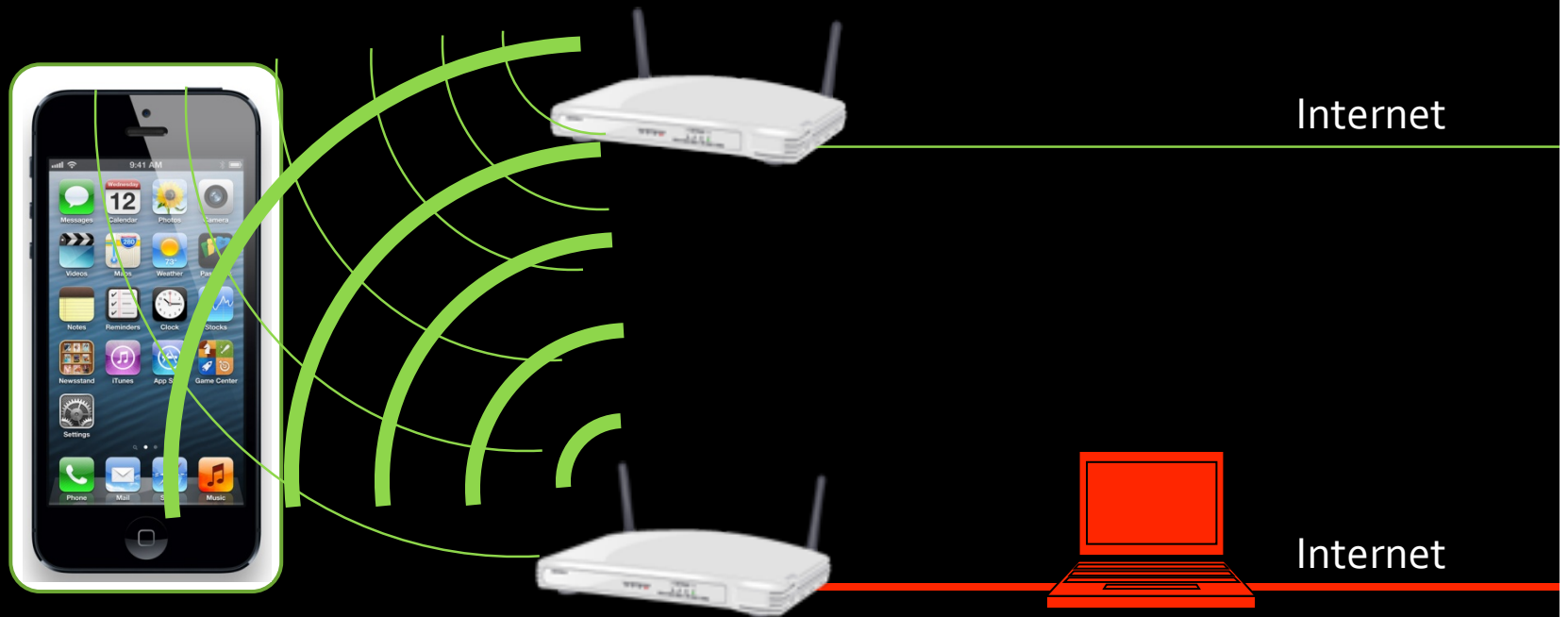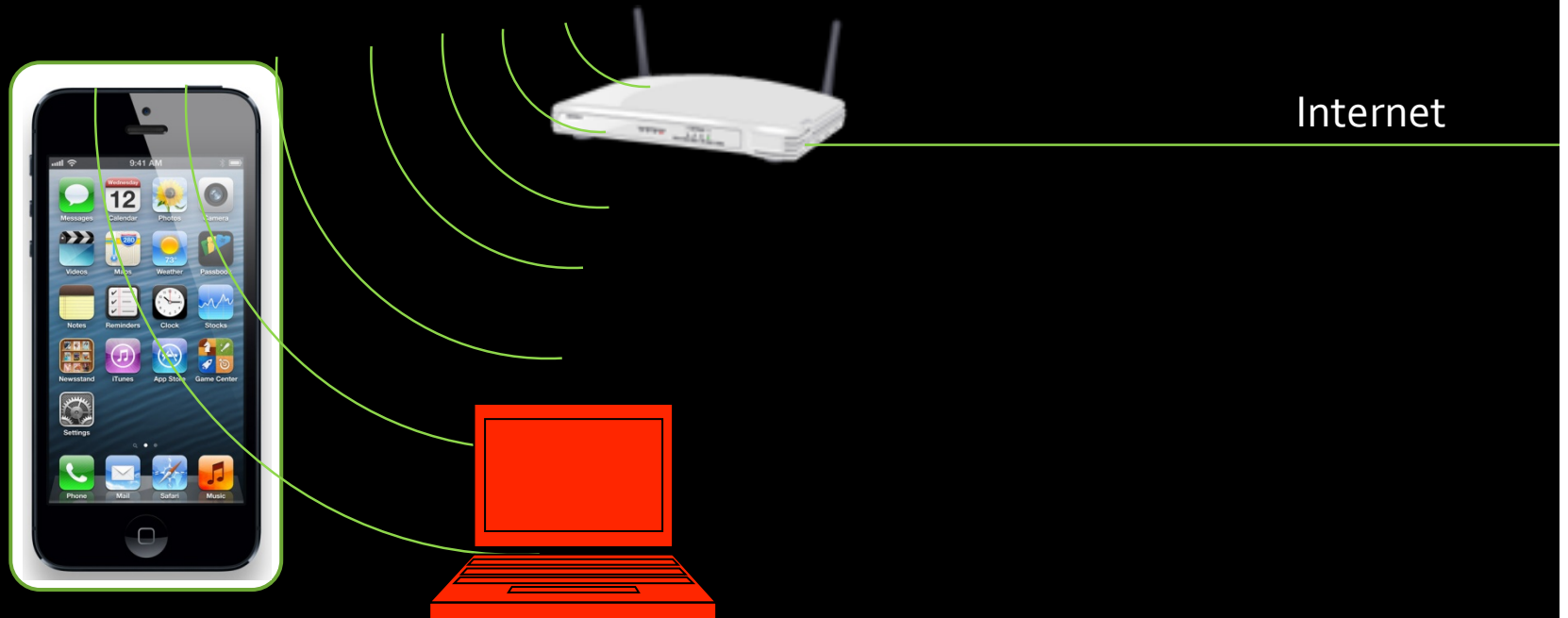# The Pineapple Router

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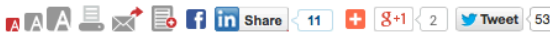
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MOBILE SECURITY

Mobile malware infections relatively low, study shows

Warwick Ashford ✉
Thursday 14 November 2013
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Malware targeting Google's Android operating system is not as big a problem yet as some security suppliers are claiming, a study has revealed.

The study of North American wireless 4G internet traffic, carried out by security firm Damballa and Georgia Tech, found that of 380 million mobile devices, less than 1% were infected with malware.

"This means that real users on a real network are seeing low volumes of real mobile malware," said Brian Foster, chief technology officer at Damballa.

Those infections were the normal variety of bot-related malware that is seen on the PC, he said, including malware for setting up botnets as well as malware for spam, phishing and fake antivirus.

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The findings of the study support Google's own findings, presented at the Virus Bulletin conference in Berlin in October, that less than 1% of Android installations from Google Play are malicious.

Damballa was able to analyse passive domain name system (DNS) data from cellular and wired internet service providers (ISPs) with visibility into 43% of wired and 33% of wireless traffic in North America.

The study observed that mobile devices connected to the same infrastructure for malware command and control as PCs 98.7% of the time.

This means that the bad guys out there that writing PC malware are the same guys experimenting with Android malware," said Foster.

"They are also using the same infrastructure to communicate instructions to whatever malware is running on Android," he told Computer Weekly.

Another interesting fact uncovered by the study, he said, was that 99.99% of all the malware classified as mobile was actually running on a PC tethered to a mobile device.

"Less than 1% of the infections on the network was malware actually running on a mobile phone," said Foster.

> **Although mobile malware is certainly something we need to keep an eye on, it is nowhere near what we are seeing on the PC**
>
> Brian Foster,

Some say, "no."

Of North American 4G users, less than 1% of the 380,000,000 were infected.

That's about 3,800,000.

How do we stop this?

MDMs are not enough.

Protect high profile users.

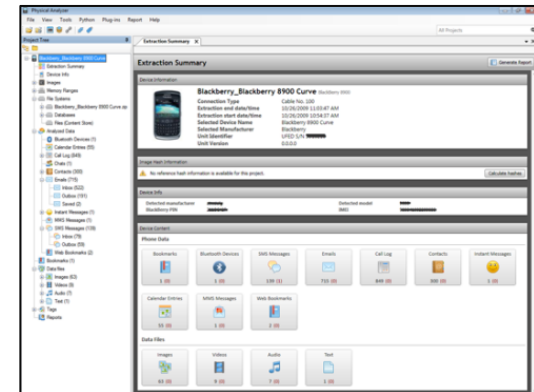Consistent auditing (forensic analysis).

Analyze our apps the same way bad guys do.

Change user behavior.

How can we analyze this?

Conduct a physical acquisition and retrieve:
1. /Root/system/packages.xml
2. AndroidManifest.xml for the application
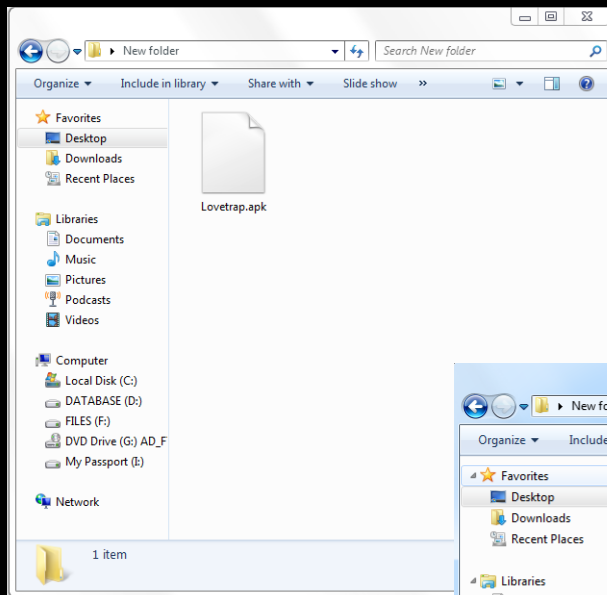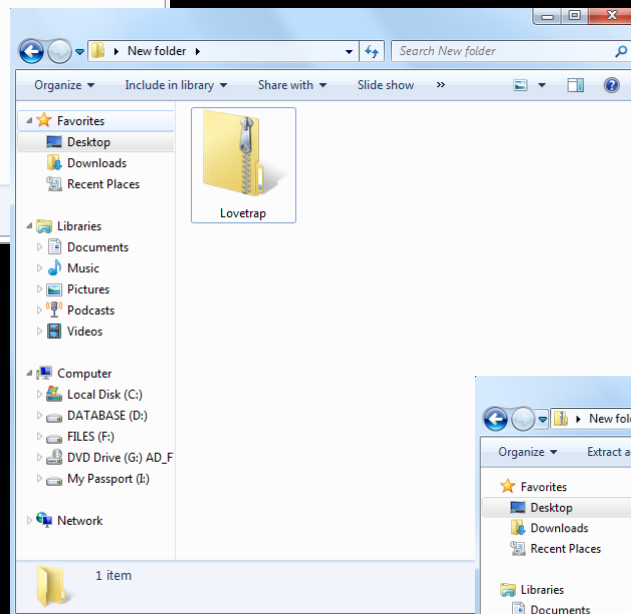3. The application itself (.apk)

Packages.xml

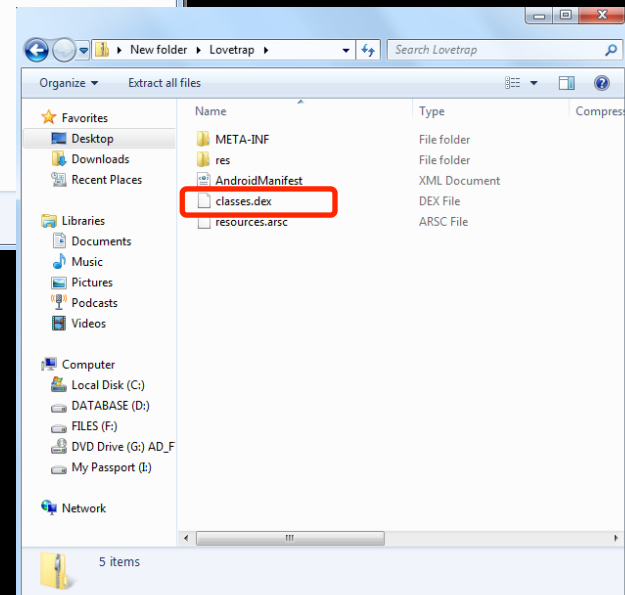- A list of applications and associated permissions

AndroidManifest.xml

- Names the Java package for the application. The package name serves as a unique identifier for the application.
- Describes the components of the application — the activities, services, broadcast receivers, and content providers that the application is composed of. It names the classes that implement each of the components and publishes their capabilities (for example, which Intent messages they can handle). These declarations let the Android system know what the components are and under what conditions they can be launched.
- Determines which processes will host application components.
- Declares which permissions the application must have in order to access protected parts of the API and interact with other applications.
- Declares the permissions that others are required to have in order to interact with the application's components.
- Lists the Instrumentation classes that provide profiling and other information as the application is running. These declarations are present in the manifest only while the application is being developed and tested; they're removed before the application is published.
- Declares the minimum level of the Android API that the application requires.
- Lists the libraries that the application must be linked against.
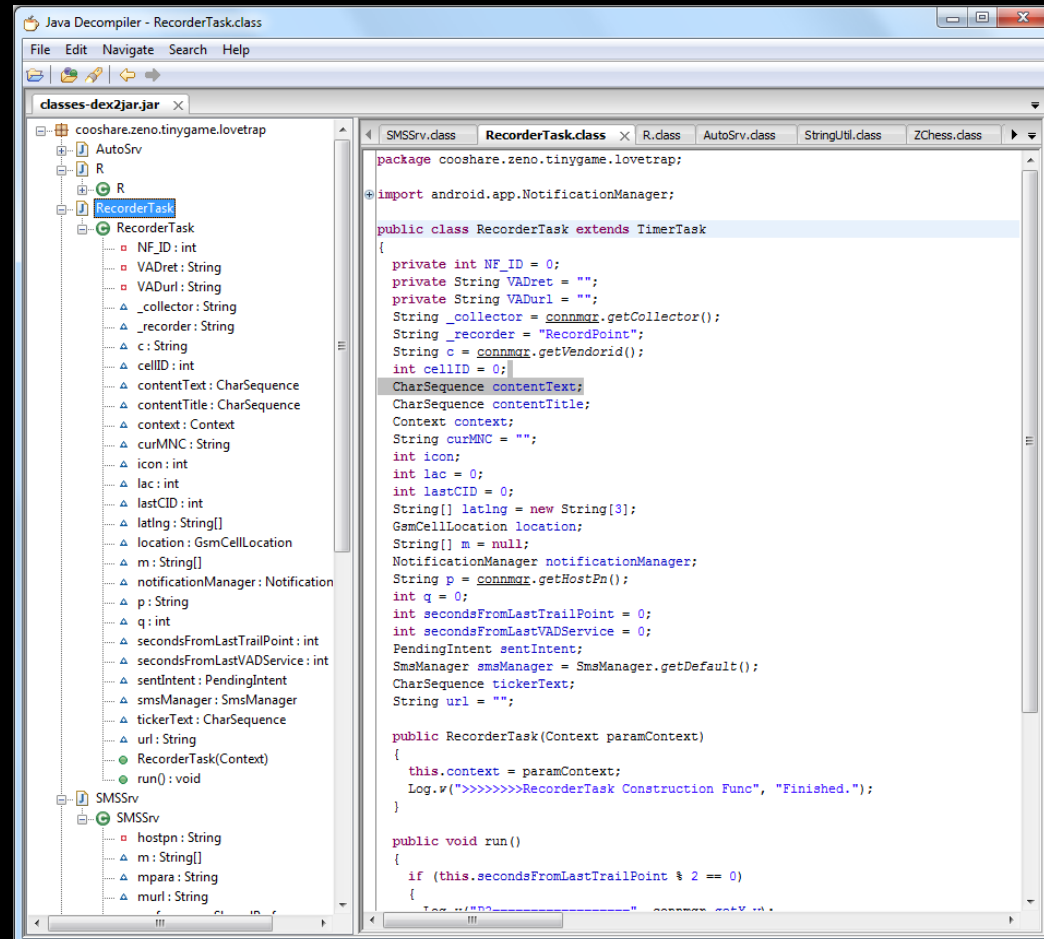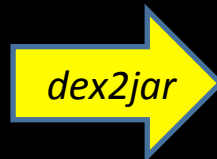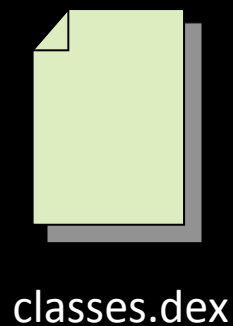
Rename file
from .apk to .zip

Open the .zip file
and recover the
classes.dex file

Convert the classes.dex file to a .jar file and examine the contents.

Use a tool such as dex2jar. (http://code.google.com/p/dex2jar/)
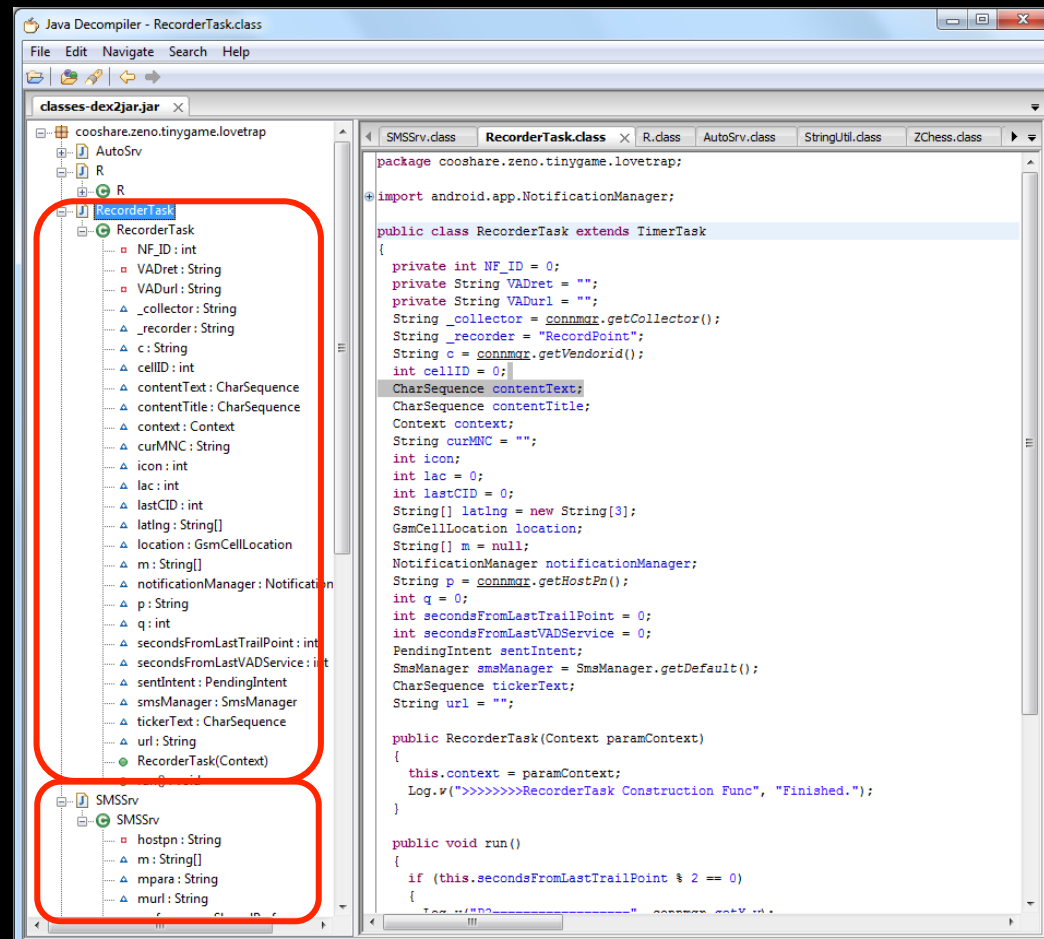

classes.dex

dex2jar

classes.jar

Lovetrap.apk

LoveTrap is an Android trojan that sends SMS messages to premium rate numbers.

The app retrieves premium rate numbers from a remote server in order to send the SMS messages that will be charged to the mobile user's account.

The trojan will attempt to go further and block any incoming confirmation SMS messages from any of the premium rate numbers in order to mask its activities.

classes.jar

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Why we are failing and how we can fix this

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